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Washington, D.C. 20554

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The Honorable Bill K. Brewster
U. S. House of Representatives
1727 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3603

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Dear Congressman Brewster:

Thank you for your letter of April 11, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Steve Guest, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Mr. Guest expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in WT Docket 96-18 and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David L. Furth
Chief, Commercial Wireless Division
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Enclosure

BILL K. BREWSTER

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Ms. Judith L. Harris
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed, please find a letter from my constituent, Mr. Steve Guest.

As you can see, he is expressing his concerns at the manner in which the FCC imposed the rule to freeze the filing of paging applications. Additionally, I would like to express my support for the lifting of the freeze. I certainly do not understand why the FCC would not seek comment from the paging industry when writing a rule which would directly affect a particular industry.

At this time I would request the FCC's response to my constituent's concerns. Please forward your response to my Washington, DC office. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill K. Brewster

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Mr. Steve Guest
President
Central Oklahoma Telephone Co.
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Dear Mr. Guest:

I recently received your letter and I appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

I have forwarded your letter to the appropriate officials at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Additionally, I have expressed my support for lifting the freeze on the filing of paging applications. I have enclosed a copy of the letter for your perusal.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill K. Brewster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill K. Brewster
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March 22, 1996

The Honorable Bill Brewster
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Dear Congressman Brewster:

I am writing to you about the freeze the FCC imposed February 8, 1996 on the filing of applications to expand and improve existing paging systems. Central Oklahoma Telephone Company is partnered with Bixby, Chickasaw and Hinton Telephone Co. to provide wide area paging services.

The freeze was imposed by the FCC without seeking comment from the paging industry and we don't think the FCC truly understands the devastating effect the freeze will have on companies like ours. The paging industry is highly competitive and, until the freeze was imposed, it was thriving. Each day that the freeze remains in effect means that we will continue to be harmed economically and our subscribers will be deprived of improved services.

We are therefore enlisting your support in our efforts to persuade the FCC to lift the freeze on the filing of paging applications.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you are able to provide.

Sincerely,

Steve Guest
President
Central Oklahoma Telephone Co.